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DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

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JEANNE G. QUINATA
Clerk of Court

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE TERRITORY OF GUAM

TCW SPECIAL CREDITS, et al.)	Case No. 96-00055
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Plaintiffs,)	NOTICE OF LIEN
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v.)	
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FISHING VESSEL CHLOE Z,)	
et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	

TO THE COURT, ALL PARTIES, AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD,
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ritter & Associates and Dougherty &
Hildre, APC have a specific lien against any and all proceeds in
this matter, relating to compensation received by ROBERT MATOS
and SLOBODAN PRANJIC, including, but not limited to,
settlements, judgments, prejudgments interest and post-judgment
interest, and any other compensation decided by this Court.

Ritter & Associates and Doherty & Hildre APC have
represented ROBERT MATOS and SLOBODAN PRANJIC under a
contingency fee contract since approximately 1991. During these

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3 16+ years, Ritter & Associates and Dougherty & Hildre APC have
4 engaged in extensive pretrial litigation, tried four cases
5 before the District Court, participated in a post-appeal
6 evidentiary hearing, represented ROBERT MATOS and SLOBODAN
7 PRANJIC four times before the Ninth Circuit and one time before
8 the United States Supreme Court.

9 On or about September 6, 2007, Ritter & Associates received
10 notice of a letter from ROBERT MATOS and SLOBODAN PRANJIC (dated
11 September 4, 2007) discharging Ritter & Associates and selecting
12 attorney Jeffrey A. Cook in Guam as their new counsel. This
13 letter also indicated Ritter & Associates should communicate
14 with Banning, Micklow and Bull regarding documents related to
15 their cases. Ritter & Associates is diligently working to
16 transmit all appropriate information to Banning, Micklow & Bull,
17 including matters which are still pending before both the
18 District Court and the Ninth Circuit in these cases.

19 Ritter & Associates and Dougherty & Hildre, APC have a lien
20 in the amount of the reasonable value of their services or the
21 established contingency fee which is due immediately upon the
22 occurrence of any contingency contemplated by the retainer
23 agreements signed by ROBERT MATOS and SLOBODAN PRANJIC. In
24 addition, Ritter & Associates and Dougherty & Hildre, APC claim
25 a lien for the full amount of costs, expenses, and advances made
26 on behalf of MATOS and PRANJIC over the past 16+ years, which
27 currently is at least \$ 813,214.19 and includes costs advanced
28 by Dougherty & Hildre APC.

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3 Documents which support the lien for attorney's fees and
4 costs, expenses, advances, etc., have been or will be
5 transmitted to Banning, Micklow & Bull.

6 Ritter and Associates request notice and the opportunity to
7 be heard, prior to any distribution of funds from the Court's
8 Registry.

9 Respectfully submitted:

10 RITTER & ASSOCIATES

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12 Dated: October 16, 2007

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15 ROBERT MATOS and
16 SLOBODAN PRANJIC
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